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Mr. Brewster Kahle
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Dear Mr. Kahle,

Here is some information describing the Special Library Association and a program for our 83rd annual conference to be held this June in Cincinnati. My division, Telecommunications, is comprised of approximately 400 members of the Association that have a special interest in Telecommunications-related information retrieval. I am writing to you to ask if you would be interested in speaking at the 84th annual conference of the Association to be held in Atlanta in June of 1994. My division and three other divisions are sponsoring a program for the Atlanta conference entitled "Core Competencies for Information Professionals in the Nineties". The program is intended to give information professionals some suggestions on how they may best prepare themselves for the coming changes in information technology. We read the Forbes article about you entitled "Good-bye Dewey Decimals" and thought you could provide an interesting perspective on what kinds of advancements we might expect in the future in the area of information science/retrieval.

We were envisioning two speakers for the program. We are hoping to have you and a library school faculty member who's area of research includes core competencies for information professionals. We would like each speaker to address the audience for, perhaps, 30 minutes and then take questions from the audience. We expect a large turnout for this program (100+) attendees. There is currently a great deal of interest in this subject and it was enthusiastically received when I suggested at the Association's winter meeting in Los Angeles this past January.

I hope you will be interested in speaking at our conference. Please let me know if you have any questions, what fees may be involved, and your availability during the dates June 13-15, 1994. I may be reached at 908-204-1139, fax 908-204-1077. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Patricia".

Dan Patricia
Chair-Elect